

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application:

- 1 1. (currently amended): A holder for safely transporting ~~and/or~~ and storing cylindrical ~~tanks~~
2 ~~or objects~~ objects comprises:
 - 3 an inwardly sloped first interior wall portion;
 - 4 an inwardly sloped second interior wall portion;
 - 5 said first and second interior wall portions each being downwardly converging toward
6 the other, ~~parallel to one another~~, and rigidly held spaced apart a distance sufficient to
7 securely hold therebetween portions of the exterior sidewall of a cylindrical ~~tank~~ or object,
8 thereby retaining the ~~latter object~~ in a horizontal orientation; horizontal orientation;
 - 9 an outwardly sloped downwardly diverging first exterior wall portion having a top
10 edge rigidly secured to a top edge of said first interior wall portion;
 - 11 an outwardly sloped downwardly diverging second exterior wall portion having a top
12 edge rigidly secured to a top edge of said second interior wall portion;
 - 13 first and second bottom portions, said first bottom portion having an innermost
14 longitudinal edge rigidly attached to a lowermost longitudinal edge of said first interior wall
15 portion, said second bottom portion having an innermost longitudinal edge rigidly attached to
16 a lowermost longitudinal edge of said second interior wall portion; and

17 attachment means for adjustably securing said first and second bottom portions
18 together in an overlapping manner for obtaining a desired distance between said first and
19 second interior wall portions.

1 2. (canceled).

1 3. (canceled).

1 4. (canceled).

2 5. (canceled).

1 6. (canceled).

1 7. (canceled).

1 8. (canceled).

1 9. (canceled).

1 10. (canceled).

11. (canceled).

12. (canceled).

13. (currently amended): The holder of Claim ~~12~~, 1, wherein said attachment means includes:

a plurality of first ~~Velcro®~~ hook and loop strips secured on the bottom of one of said first and second bottom portions; and

a plurality of second ~~Velcro®~~ hook and loop strips secured on the top of the other of said first and second bottom portions, and positioned to securely engage respective ones of said plurality of first ~~Velcro®~~ hook and loop strips.

14. (currently amended): The holder of Claim ~~12~~, 1, wherein said first interior wall portion, said first exterior wall portion, and said first bottom portion are made from a single piece of material.

15. (currently amended): The holder of ~~12~~, 1, wherein said second interior wall, exterior wall, and bottom portions are made from a single piece of material.

16. (original): The holder of Claim 14, further including:
said second interior wall, exterior wall, and bottom portions being made from a single piece of material.

1 17. (currently amended): The holder of Claim ~~12~~, 1, wherein said first and second
2 interior and exterior wall portions, and said first and second bottom portions are all made
3 from a single piece of material selected from the group consisting of metal, and plastic.

1 18. (original): The holder of Claim 14, wherein said single piece of material is selected
2 from the group consisting of metal, and plastic.

1 19. (original): The holder of Claim 15, wherein said single piece of material is selected
2 from the group consisting of metal, and plastic.

1 20. (Original): The holder of Claim 16, wherein said single piece of material is selected
2 from the group consisting of metal, and plastic.